

REVIEW OF ANIMAL SHELTERING AND RESCUE MODELS

Animal Issues Task Force
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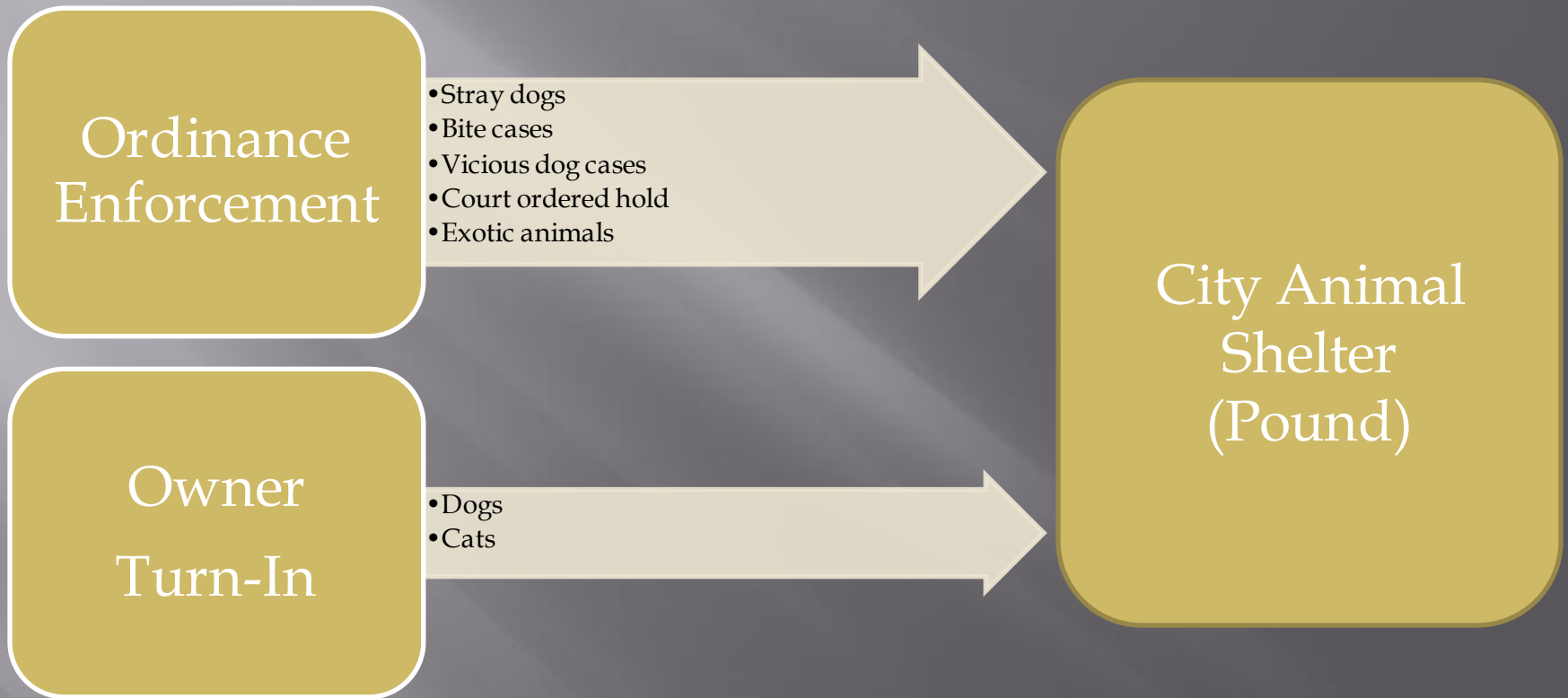
Animal Control services that are currently mandated by State and local laws

- ▣ Required to hold stray dogs for 5 days and the hold period must include a weekend.
- ▣ Required to keep stray cats 72 hours.
- ▣ Required to hold any dog pursuant of a court order pending hearing. Often this is related to dogs that are considered as vicious or nuisance dogs.

Animal Control services that are currently mandated by State and local laws continued

- ▣ Required to hold animals when owners are arrested, involved in accident or dead (until next of kin can be located).
- ▣ Required to free and hold animals trapped in cars.
- ▣ Required to enforce rabies vaccination and display of rabies tag.
- ▣ Required to pickup and impound dogs running at large.
- ▣ Required to administer rabies quarantine for biting animals.

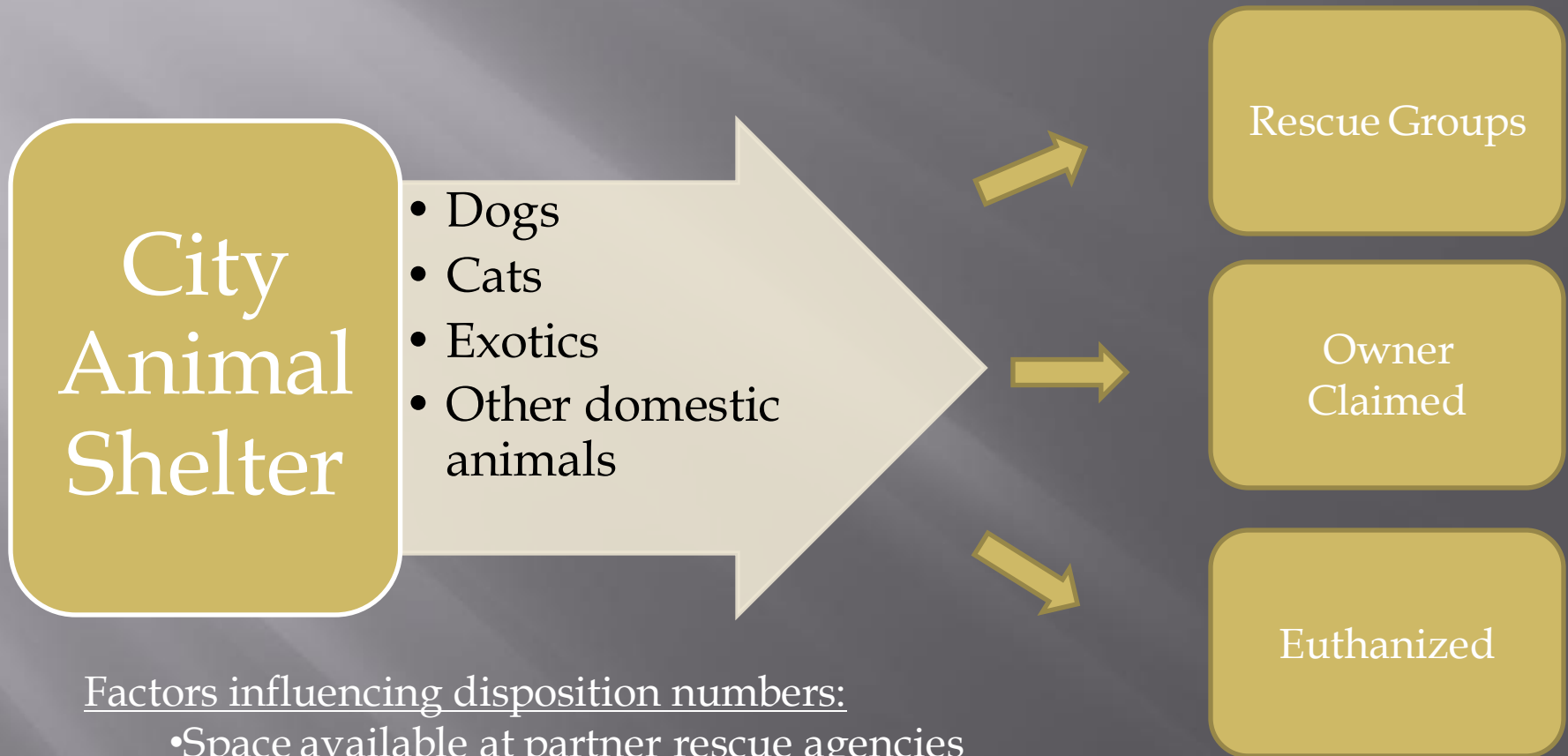
Where do our animals come from?



Factors influencing our in-take numbers:

- Penalty for violation
- The economy
- Fees charged for owner turn-in/boarding

Where do our animals go?



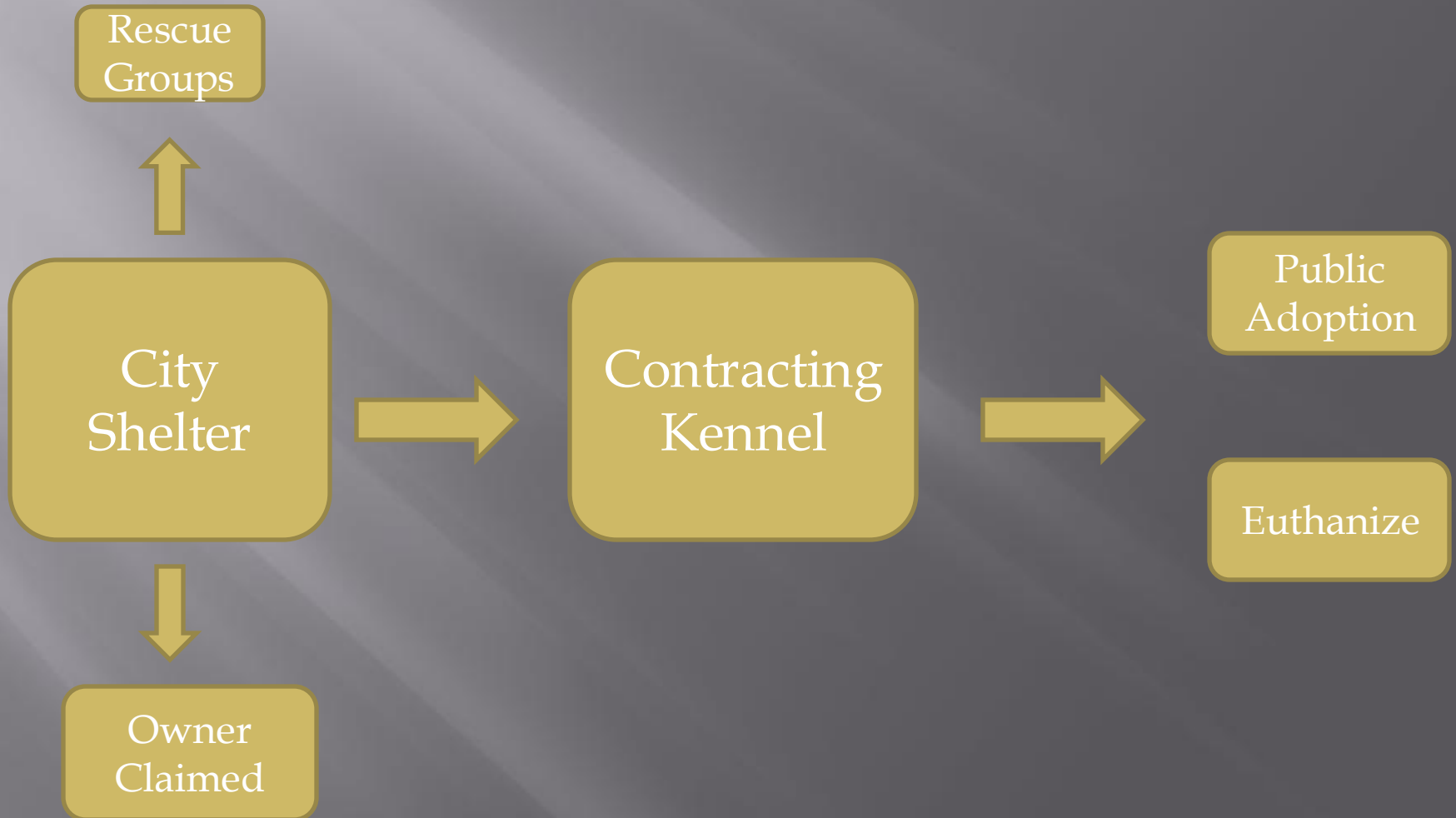
Factors influencing disposition numbers:

- Space available at partner rescue agencies
- Disease/ animal health
- Pet identification
- Pit bull adoption policy
- Fees and fines

Model Utilizing Contract Kennel



Model Using City Shelter and Contract Kennel



Best practice – Calgary, Ontario

- ▣ Focus is on responsible pet ownership by law.
- ▣ All cats and dogs 3 months of age and older must be licensed.

Calgary, Ontario Continued

Based on four principals:

1. License and provide permanent ID for cats and dogs.
 - Fees for annual licensing vary from \$36 altered dog/puppy to \$58 for unaltered dog
 - Fee for annual licensing vary from \$15 for altered cats/kittens to \$30 for unaltered
2. Spay/Neuter provided at no cost to those that are financially eligible.
3. Provide training/physical care/socialization and medical care to animals.
4. Do not allow pets to become a threat to the community.

Calgary, Ontario Continued

2010 Dog Statistics

- ▣ 4330 dogs impounded
- ▣ 86% return to owner- of these 32% were driven directly home, 68% picked up by owners at AC
- ▣ 9% Adopted
- ▣ 5% Euthanized

Calgary, Ontario Continued

2010 Cat Statistics

- ▣ 869 cats impounded
- ▣ 55% return to owner-of these 18% were driven directly home, 82% picked up by owners at AC
- ▣ 27% adopted
- ▣ 18% euthanized

Calgary, Ontario Continued

Demographics

- ▣ City population=1.1 million
- ▣ Dogs=122,325 (90% compliance with licensing)
- ▣ Cats=91,551(50% compliance with licensing)
- ▣ Stiff penalty for not licensing-automatic \$250 fine.

Saint Louis County Animal Control

- ▣ Recently refurbished 26,000 sq feet carpet warehouse into county run shelter for \$5 million.
- ▣ Maximum capacity is 611 kennel spaces.
- ▣ Since the new facility opened last November:
 - **Total animals impounded= 3,828**
 - 64% dogs.
 - 32% cats.
 - 4% other.

Disposition

- 6.6% adopted.
- 46% euthanized.
- 17.5% returned to owner.
- 22.6% transferred to rescue.

Saint Louis County Animal Control Continued

- ▣ Have 2 fulltime veterinarians, one to perform S/N before the animal is put on the adoption floor and one to provide general healthcare to the animals.
- ▣ Their money comes from a health tax of .01/\$100 assessed property value.
- ▣ 15 ACOs on staff responsible for 92 municipalities.

Questions?